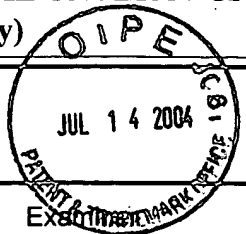


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)				Docket No. PB9907	
In Re Application Of: Anila Bhan, et al.					
Application No. 09/498,773	Filing Date February 5, 2000	Examiner Lawrence E. Crane	Customer No. 22840	Group Art Unit 1623	Confirmation No. 9287



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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of January 12, 2004 above-identified application.
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month ☐ Two months ☒ Three months ☐ Four months ☐ Five months

from: April 12, 2004 until: July 12, 2004
Date *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is \$950 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 502-590
- ☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 502-590

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Dated: July 12, 2004

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